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ARMED BANK ROBBER SENTENCED TO 37 YEARS IMPRISONMENT

– In two robberies, Defendant waves guns at tellers

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **CHARLES D. CROSS, JR.**, age 36, of Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for armed bank robbery.

Chief Judge John G. Heyburn II, United States District Court, sentenced **Cross** to 37 years and 3 months, plus 5 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.** In addition, restitution in the amount of \$ 11,600 was imposed.

On November 17, 2006, a federal jury found **Cross guilty** of robbing the Members First Federal Credit Union located at 7215 Riverport Plaza Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, on December 28, 2004, **guilty** of using a firearm to rob the Members First Federal Credit Union, **guilty** of robbing the Fifth Third Bank located at 4102 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, Kentucky, on May 11, 2005, and **guilty** of using a firearm to rob the Fifth Third Bank.

On December 28, 2004, **Cross** entered the Members First Federal Credit Union located at 7215 Riverport Plaza Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, wearing dark clothing and a mask underneath a black motorcycle helmet. **Cross** was armed with a black semi-automatic handgun. **Cross** brandished his weapon. He demanded money and received over \$11,000.00 in United States

Currency. He sped away from the armed robbery in what witnesses described as a silver Oldsmobile Alero.

On May 11, 2005, **Cross** entered the Fifth Third Bank located at 4102 Poplar Level Road, Louisville, Kentucky, wearing dark clothing and a mask underneath a black motorcycle helmet. **Cross** was armed with a .30 caliber Universal rifle. Again, **Cross** brandished his weapon. During the robbery, **Cross** chambered a round in his weapon to intimidate bank employees. He demanded money and received over \$42,000.00 in United States Currency. A bank customer observed **Cross** enter a white vehicle and speed off. Police responding to the bank robbery observed **Cross** walking along the Watterson Expressway near Poplar Level Road perspiring profusely and trying to avoid police.

Police used a K-9 to track from the area of **Cross**' arrest. A short distance from his arrest, the K-9 located the getaway car as well as dye stained money, **Cross**' motorcycle helmet, his black mask and his weapon. Additionally, police found a receipt for the purchase of a motorcycle helmet and a rental receipt for the getaway car in the name of **Charles Cross**. Police approached and saw red dye on **Cross**' hands and he was arrested.

In a follow up investigation, police obtained Budget Rent A Car Systems records relating to **Charles Cross**. The records confirmed that **Cross** rented the getaway car on May 11, 2005 two hours prior to the robbery. Police also learned that **Cross** had rented a silver Oldsmobile Alero on December 28, 2004; the same date as the robbery of the Members First Federal Credit Union.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Robert J. Kilmartin and former Assistant United States Attorney Brian Butler, and it was investigated by the Louisville Metropolitan Police Department - Robbery Squad and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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